themselves of electric power and 588 Village Panchayets maintained sweeping establishments.

Local Development Works.

252. During the year, 1,411 works at a cost of Rs. 35,24,637 under 'Local Development Works' were sanctioned for execution by the Village Panchayets under the scheme sponsored by the Planning Commission which included construction of roads, drains, community halls and drinking water wells. The works remaining over at the end of the previous year, were also taken up during the year. The total outlay incurred was Rs. 17,87,225 on these works.

(x) Amelioration of the condition of the Depressed Classes.

253. A separate Department set up during 1953-54 for looking after the work of amelioration of Depressed Classes with a Commissioner as the Head of the Department was continued during the year.

Depressed Class Housing.

254. A sum of Rs. 17·00 lakhs was provided in the Budget for the year for the formation of extensions and grant of subventions for construction of houses etc., for the benefit of the Depressed Classes. Of this, a sum of Rs. 5,94,000 was set apart for construction of hostel buildings for the Depressed Class Students. The construction of the hostel buildings at Kolar, Mysore, Tumkur and Nanjangud which was taken up during 1953-54 was under progress. The construction of another hostel at Sirigere in Chitaldrug was taken up during the year. A sum of Rs. 10,31,562 was spent for construction of houses. Four thousand seven-hundred and eleven houses were completed and 6,411 (4814) houses were still under construction. The construction of a Bhajanmandir at Shantigrama, Hassan Taluk, was completed during the year and the building at Dommaningala, Channarayapatna Taluk, was under completion. A total extent of 10, 731 (10,877) acres of land was granted during the year.

Welfare scheme for the upliftment of Scheduled Tribes.

255. A sum of Rs. 1,94,058 was spent during the year under this scheme for providing houses, schools and hostels and a health unit and supply of bullocks, cloth and

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sarees etc. The Agricultural colonies started for these tribes at Budipadaga, Penjahalli and Maddur during 1953-54 made considerable progress and a hill tribe Conference was also held at Penjahalli colony in Heggadadevankote Taluk. The Health unit at Nisna continued to function and the jeep purchased was used for distributing the medicines to the Hill Tribe hades around the Health unit. The scheme was also extended to ameliorate the conditions of Iruligas living in Magadi, Kanakapura and Ramanagaram taluks in Bangalore District.

Scheme for welfare of Ex-criminal Tribes.

256. The total expenditure incurred under this scheme was Rs. 72,443 during the year. The ex-criminal tribes could not be rehabilitated in agricultural colony specially formed for them as they did not come forward to avail themselves of the facilities provided for them. Therefore action was taken to rehabilitate them wherever they were residing by providing facilities such as housing, agriculture, cottage industries, sheep farming, drinking water wells etc.

Schemes for eradication of untouchability.

257. An expenditure of Rs. 5,71,913 was incurred under this scheme for important items of ameliorative measures such as the construction of houses, community centres, intercaste dinners, supply of radios, aid to voluntary agencies, holding of melas, cottage industries, publicity, etc.

(xi) Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board.

258. Twenty-nine meetings were held during the year and 597 subjects were dealt with by the Board.

Formation of Residential Extensions. Jayanagar 'A' Block.

259. This comprises of I and II Blocks which are in the Corporation limits. The works of providing surface drains, and shoulder drains, etc., were all completed during the year. A sum of Rs. 74,540 was spent on Layout works.

Jayanagar 'B' Block.

260. This comprises of Blocks III to VIII. The works of providing side drains, curbs, shoulder drains, etc., for all roads coming within the developed area where sites have been sold were under progress. In Block VI, the above works were concentrated and completed, when 121 sites were formed for allotment to Harijans. The IV Main